

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final Office Action is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on October 24, 2006. Claims 1-21 are pending in the present Application. Applicants have amended claim 1, canceled claims 4 and 10, and added claim 22. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22 are now at issue.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 10 under §102(b) as being anticipated by *Lane* (U.S. 1,062,015). The Examiner also rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 10 under §102(e) as being anticipated by *Stone, et al.* (U.S. 6,884,014). The Examiner further indicated that claims 11-21 are allowed, and claims 4 and 6-9 are directed to allowable subject matter.

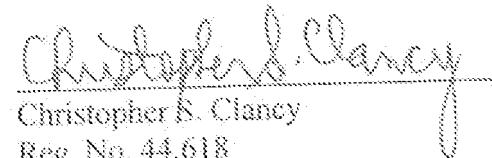
Applicants submit that claims 1, 2 and 10 are patentable over *Lane*. Applicants also submit that claims 1-3, 5 and 10 are patentable over *Stone*. However, in order to move this case to allowance, Applicants have made the claim amendments discussed below. Applicants do not concede that claims 1-3, 5 and 10 are unpatentable, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue those claims in continuations of this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable dependent claim 4, and claim 4 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over *Lane* and/or *Stone*. Claims 2-3 and 5-9 are asserted to be allowable based on their dependency from allowable claim 1.

Allowable dependent claim 6 has been rewritten as new independent claim 22. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 22 is patentable over *Lane* and/or *Stone*.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22 are allowable and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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